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BLUE SPRINGS MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Springs, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges related to receiving child pornography over the Internet.

George M. Bass, Jr., 59, of Blue Springs, was charged in a seven-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Bass** attempted to distribute child pornography over the Internet between April 23 and Aug. 10, 2005.

Counts Two and Three of the federal indictment allege that **Bass** attempted to receive child pornography over the Internet from April 23 to May 22, 2005, and from July 13 to 13, 2005, respectively.

Counts Four and Five of the federal indictment allege that **Bass** received child pornography over the Internet on July 16 and 21, 2005, respectively.

Count Six of the federal indictment alleges that **Bass** was in possession of child pornography on Aug. 10, 2005.

Count Seven of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Bass** to forfeit to the government two computers, a laptop computer, six hard drives, 36 CD-ROMs containing child pornography and two DVDs containing child pornography, all of which were used to commit the alleged offenses.

Schlozman cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department.

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